## **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

In the Matter of

RAJEEV BILLING, M.D.

Holder of License No. 55813 For the Practice of Medicine In the State of Arizona. Case No. MD-20-0041A

ORDER FOR SURRENDER
OF LICENSE AND CONSENT
TO THE SAME

Rajeev Billing, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") as well as the facts stated herein; and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 55813 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-20-0041 after receiving a complaint alleging that Respondent utilized illicit substances including cocaine and marijuana with a patient to whom he was prescribing medications including Suboxone and Xanax, and who had a known history of opioid abuse.
- Based on the information received in the complaint, Respondent entered into an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction, effective January 23, 2020.
- 5. In Maricopa County Superior Court case CR2020-103705-001DT, Respondent pled guilty to Attempt to Commit Narcotic Drug- Possession/Use, a Class 5 Felony. On August 27, 2020, Respondent was sentenced to terms and conditions of probation, including a requirement that he surrender his Arizona medical license.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("Committing any conduct or practice that is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").
- 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(d) ("Committing a felony, whether or not involving moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case, conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive evidence of the commission.").
- 4. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(2).

#### <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License Number 55813, issued to Rajeev Billing, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and return his certificate of licensure to the Board.

DATED and effective this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By:

Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

## **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

- Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Order.
- 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its Executive Director.
- 5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.
- 6. Notwithstanding any language in this Order, this Order does not preclude in any way any other State agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent, including but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Order makes no representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other

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state agency or officer or political subdivisions of the State relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent.

- Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy 7. thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal 8. disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.
- If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.
  - Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement. 10.

Dated: \_\_\_09/04/2020

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by US Mail this Am day of October, 2020 to:

Rajeev Billing, M.D. Address of Record

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